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Dear Parents/Carers,

I think we have gone through 4 seasons in one month- snow, wind, rain, thunder and lightning, hail and temperatures of 22 degrees. Just when we thought summer was here, it was cruelly snatched away. Please keep an eye on the changeable weather as the children spend a total of an hour outside during the day and they need to bring coats if it threatens rain or is unseasonably cold.

On the other hand if it is going to be sunny please provide a hat and put sun cream on before your child comes to school. If your child is old enough to put on their own sun cream it can be put into their bag. We cannot apply sun cream in school.

PTFA

The next PTFA meeting will be on **Monday April 30th at pick up time** , there will be a crèche in Year 5 classroom- and a second meeting at **at 7.30pm at Hall and Woodhouse**. The reason for the two times is to get as many people involved in planning for the school fete as possible. The PTFA need your support: without it they cannot run the fair or other events. It would be a shame for these events not to go ahead!

The next PTFA event will be the spring hamper draw on the 4th of May (replacing Easter Hampers). Please leave donations in your child's hamper in the classroom. Yr Rec **Pink**, Yr 1 **Green**, Y2 **Purple**, Y3 **Yellow**, Yr 4 **Red**, Yr 5 **Orange**, Yr6 **Blue**. The family disco will be on the 11th of May.

Cake of the week will continue on Fridays.

Book fair Thursday 24th May.

Please see the notice board outside the main entrance for PTFA information.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE PTFA - THEY DO SO MUCH FOR THE CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOL

Parent Questionnaire

It's that time of year again when we would like your views about the school. Please take some time to fill out the attached form (paper copies are in the school foyer). We very much appreciate your views when it comes to trying to improve things for your children. If you can



"Together we love, together we hope, together we learn."



have them back to the school office, either electronically or paper copy (if you wish to be anonymous) by the 18th May, thank you.

Year 6 SATS WEEK-14th-17th May

Here at St Joseph's we try and keep this as low key as possible and we encourage the children to try their best and be the best that they can. It would be good for the children if that week and the previous weekend they get plenty of fresh air and sleep. All equipment for the tests is provided by the school. In order to prepare the children for secondary school we request that mascots are not brought to school for that week. A timetable for SATS week is on the Year 6 curriculum overview for this term.

Curriculum overviews

Please check the website for your child's year group termly overview: you can see the subjects your child will be studying this term and help them in their understanding of the topics covered.

Art Week

Thank you to Mrs Maliphant for her support in the work that was produced for art week. It was a very successful week and many parents came to view the art work on display in the hall. I proudly showed an OFSTED inspector (not an official visit) around the exhibition on Tuesday morning and they were very impressed with the children's work. The work will be coming home to you soon.

Weston Dance Festival

Another wonderful show to showcase St. Joseph's talents. The dancing was amazing: the audience were wowed by the 'Granny' dance. Thank you to Mrs. Shephard, the girls and their parents for making it all possible.

Safeguarding

Please see below for some latest safeguarding news. Remember to always view a clip before showing it to your child as some of these may not be suitable for very young children. St Joseph's have booked the NSPCC road show to do a series of workshops and assemblies in September 2018, more information will follow prior to the dates.

Safeguarding in the Performing Arts (NSPCC)

The NSPCC have written guidance for organisations to keep children safe in music, drama, dance, and on television and the theatre. The advice is not written for schools, who will have many safeguards in place, but it is useful to bear it in mind when working with groups outside the school. The advice will also be useful for parents so they know what questions to ask providers, clubs and organisations when deciding whether to sign their children up.

You can find the guidance here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/safeguarding/safeguarding-in-the-performing-arts/>

Videos: Safeguarding Children (NSPCC)

The NSPCC has a collection of really well put together videos around a range of topics. What can we do about child abuse?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXaC6XOUY70>

Protecting young people involved with gangs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dYFw6kiRkus>

Preventing Child Sexual Abuse

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UbtSJCw_lqw



I saw your willy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sch_WMjd6go

Lucy and the boy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kwcL-VP3FYc>

#DITTO eSafety Magazine (eSafety Advisor)

Alan Mackenzie is an excellent esafety advisor, and he writes a free downloadable magazine for teachers and parents called [#DITTO](#). Alan can help you with advice, reviews, training and sessions for staff and governors, parents and children. Alan can even help you set up eCadets, a peer-led e-Safety programme.

The April 2018 edition of #DITTO is out now and covers privacy, skin gambling, online risky behaviour, gaming and the gaming app, Fortnite.

You can download #DITTO from Alan's website here: <http://www.esafety-adviser.com/latest-newsletter/>

Term time Holidays

I would encourage you to think carefully before taking children out of school during term time. The Government has a current target of 90% attendance in school. Below 90% there is a rationale that children get further behind in their work. The Governors have agreed to start fining parents that have taken their children out of school for more than 10 sessions in a six month rolling period. The fine payable is £60.00 per parent per child per holiday above 10 sessions (1 week). If you are going to take your child out of school for a holiday it is important to fill in the holiday form and tell the truth about the nature of the absence. Children talk to each other and their teachers about where they have been and it becomes very complicated and sad if a parent has lied to the school. Our Education Welfare Officer has been informed of such cases.

Forest Schools

Year 3 were the first class to take part in Forest School this week and had a great time. Please ensure that you return the permission slip for your child prior to the date of their trip: we are unable to let children go without written permission. Even if the weather is warm on the day of your child's trip please ensure your child wears long sleeves and long trousers. Please also remember sun cream, sun hats and a waterproof coat! <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>

School Meals for School Trips

If you would like the school to provide a packed lunch for your child when going on a school trip this can be arranged. A *minimum* of 7 days' notice must be given. A form can be found in the front lobby and on the school web-site which should be completed and returned to the school office – by hard copy and not by email. Orders **cannot** be accepted if placed less than 7 days in advance.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) and therefore these will be provided free of charge but **only if ordered**. We appreciate that some parents will want to provide their child's own packed lunch and therefore to avoid wastage only ordered lunches will be prepared.



For children in KS2 (Yrs 3,4,5 & 6) there will be a standard school meal charge of £2.00 made to your ParentPay account (unless your child is entitled to FSM (Free School Meals)) for all packed lunches ordered.

The packed lunch will consist of a filled sandwich/wrap or roll, veg sticks, a small carton of apple or orange juice, a piece of fruit, cake or similar. Please indicate your child's choice of filling on the form – cheese, ham, tuna or egg.

School Trip Contributions

Unfortunately budgets this year are extremely tight and therefore there is no 'surplus' to subsidise school trips. No profit is made on trips and we do endeavor to keep costs to a minimum but unfortunately if we do not receive adequate contributions to cover costs for planned trips they will have to be cancelled. Please could we therefore ask that contributions are made by the due date via ParentPay. If you experience any difficulty in making payment please contact myself or the school office in confidence.

Local events

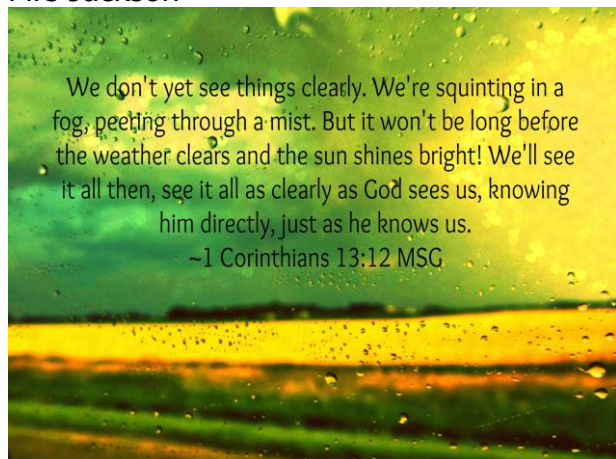
3rd Redcliffe Bay Brownies are holding a fundraising event as part of their IMPACT badge. The event is taking place on Saturday 12th May in Somerset Hall, Portishead 10.00am – 2pm. All proceeds will be going to Bristol Royal Hospital for Children and Help the Homeless.

Housekeeping

- Mobile phones: if your child walks to school and they need to carry a mobile phone these phones should be left in your child's bag turned off; ideally they should be handed to the class teacher to be kept safe. Phones should not be turned on whilst they are on the school premises (unless permission has been given). Children that do not walk to and from school do not need to have a phone in school
- Dogs: dogs are not permitted anywhere on the school site, even if held. If dogs are left in cars please ensure they are not too warm.
- Haircuts: please can we remind you that hair should be cut in an appropriate manner. Shaved heads, Mohicans and extreme haircuts are not deemed appropriate. Long hair should be tied back at all times in school for health and safety reasons, this also helps prevent spread of head lice.

God Bless

Mrs Jackson





Please regularly check the school calendar on the website for school events and timings.

Term dates:

Bank HOLIDAY Monday 7th MAY-School will be closed

Term 5

Monday 9th April-Friday 25th May

Term 6

Monday 4th June- Tuesday 24th July

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July are INSET DAYS. Last day for children Friday 20th July